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Talking Book Services

Did you know that The National Library Service (NLS) has designed a digital player for listening to NLS recorded digital books?

Each Talking Book patron receives one digital player, free on loan, to listen to books loaned by the North Dakota Talking Book Library. Technical support and replacement are provided for these players.

Headphones can be issued to patrons who require them for reading talking books where speakers are not permitted, as in nursing homes and hospitals.

Digital books (DB) are on a flash memory cartridge about the size of a cassette tape that fits into the front of the digital player. One end of the cartridge has a round finger hole, so the cartridge can easily be extracted from the player. The cartridge is inserted into the digital player in the opening above the handle of the player. It is not necessary to rewind the cartridge before returning it to the library.

For more information or to apply for the program, contact us at 701-328-1408 | **tbooks@nd.gov** or visit **www.library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html**.

Have you been using our Mango languages database and want to try out your newfound knowledge of another language? We can request books in many languages through Interlibrary Loan (ILL).

Are you looking for a Japanese mystery novel? Let us know, and we can find one for you. Are you looking for a Spanish romance? Why not! Let us add a new level of enjoyment to go with your new skill or rekindle a love of a language you may not use as much as you would like.

For any ILL requests or questions, contact our ILL Department at **ndslill@nd.gov** or 701-328-3252.

Upcoming Online Reading Challenges Through Beanstack

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2022
May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is celebrated each year from May 1-31. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander voices through recommended books and activities. Log your reading and activities here to earn badges all month long.

Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope [NASA]
May 01, 2022 - May 31, 2022

Welcome to the Look Up! Step Back in Time with the James Webb Space Telescope challenge. This challenge is designed to help you explore the science behind NASA's newest space telescope mission, the **James Webb Space Telescope** (JWST), now in orbit around a point in deep space known as the second Lagrange point, or L2. JWST is the most advanced infrared space telescope ever launched and allows scientists to look deeper into time and space than ever before! Read books about space science, watch videos, and complete activities to complete this challenge.

If you have any questions about the online reading challenges, contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov** or 1-800-472-2104 | 701-328-4622.

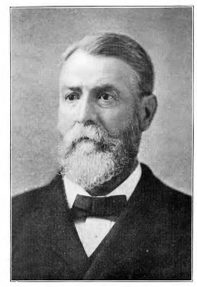
New Items Added to Digital Horizons

Here is a highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

North Dakota Memories

- Cleveland, N.D., School Band, 1920
- Laura J. Eisenhuth, N.D. Superintendent of Public Instruction, early 1890s
- William Mitchell, N.D. Superintendent of Public Instruction, 1889-1890
- William J. Clapp, N.D. Superintendent of Public Instruction, circa 1890

CLEVELAND, N. D., SCHOOL BAND, 1920.



WILLIAM MITCHELL.
1889-1890—First Superintendent of Public Instruction.
(William Mitchell took the oath of office November 4, 1889; deceased March 10, 1890. F. W. Cathro, as acting superintendent, remained in charge of office until April 10, 1890.)

North Dakota School for the Deaf

- North Dakota School for the Deaf promo video, 1993
- The Banner, 2020-2021

North Dakota State Documents

- Alternative uses considered for San Haven: options and obstacles, 1991
- Report of the N.D. Tuberculosis Sanatorium, 1964-1966
- Report of the San Haven State Hospital, 1973-1975
- Report on the impact to the economic assistance programs due to the closing of San Haven State Hospital, 1987

Find thousands of images, documents, videos, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800s to today at **http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/**.

New Items Available at the North Dakota State Library

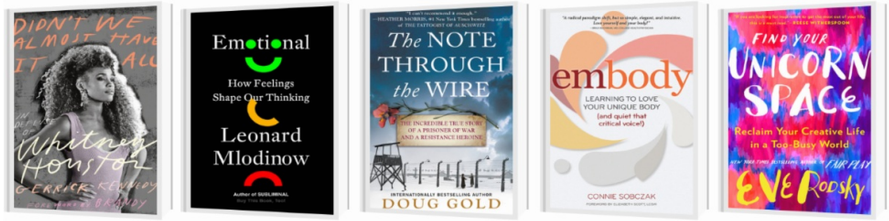
North Dakota-Related Books

New Fiction Books

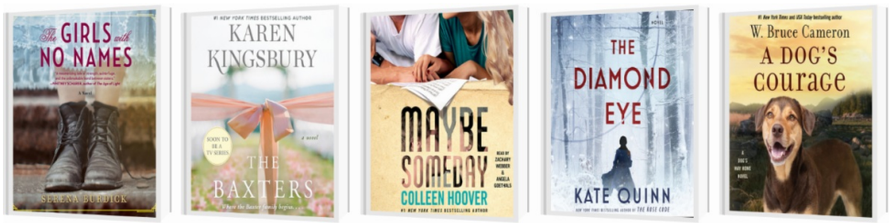
New Nonfiction Books

New Fiction E-Books

New Nonfiction E-Books



New Fiction E-Audiobooks



New Nonfiction E-Audiobooks

Personal Finance 101 - How to Manage Your Money and Debt Reduction

Has the rise in inflation and increasing costs of goods and services got you thinking about managing your money better? Check out these two classes from Universal Class for help with straightening your finances for your financial health and peace of mind. These courses can be found under the Finance tab in Universal Class.

Personal Finance 101- How to Manage your Money will teach the ins and outs of your financial journey, written interestingly as a travel itinerary. This fun, unique presentation breaks down your financial trip into three parts: planning, executing, and traveling. You will learn how to maintain checking and savings accounts, manage debt and credit scores, balance accounts, and build wealth. The goal is to start living your life, generating wealth, retiring debt, and achieving financial freedom.

Debt Reduction goes into more detail on debt by teaching the concept of debt reduction and showing how to manage credit and personal debt. The steps taught in this course help achieve financial freedom and peace of mind. This course will teach you how to recognize debt traps, develop a debt reduction plan, deal with debt management agencies, track a budget, and other valuable topics.

Both of these courses and many more can be found in Universal Class at **https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/**.

US Newsstream

Are you tired of being stopped by paywalls when trying to read news articles from the Washington Post, The New York Times, Bismarck Tribune, or The Wall Street Journal? Check out US Newsstream on the **State Library's Online Library Resources webpage**

US Newsstream enables users to search current U.S. news content, as well as archives that stretch back into the 1980s. It features top newspapers, wires, broadcast transcripts, blogs, and news sites in full-text format.

If you have any questions about US Newsstream or any of the other online library resources available, contact the State Library at **statelib@nd.gov** or 701-328-4622.

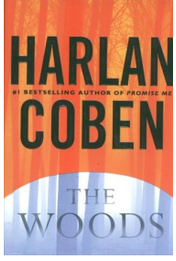
Book Review

"The Woods" by Harlan Coben

Reviewed by Pam Young

Four teens at summer camp disappear in the woods - two were found murdered, but the others were not found.

Twenty years later, a recent murder victim has items on him linked to what happened back at the camp. One of the teens who were at the camp when this happened is asked to identify the body. He doesn't recognize the body until after seeing an item that was found on him, which brings back the memory of his sister, one of the missing campers who was never found. He starts investigating what really happened the night the teens disappeared and reconnects with another camper who was there at that time too.



"The Woods" is available in the North Dakota State Library's **collection** and on **ND Library2Go** / Libby app.

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